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Lee leaves Valley for Pierce College

By J. D. WOLVERTON
Valley Star Staff Writer

After thirteen eventful years as LAVC's President, Mary E. Lee will be leaving her post to take up the presidency of Pierce College next month.

Tyree Wieder, currently serving as Vice President of Academic Affairs, will become Acting President at LAVC on April 11. She has been in her present post for four years, having worked previously at LACCD's downtown office as Director of Educational Programs, and, prior to that stint, as Dean of

Academic Affairs and Student Services at Mission College.

Some observers have assumed a connection between Lee's imminent departure, and the recent vote of no confidence in her management from the Faculty Senate.

In a phone interview, LAVC professor Jack Sterk, current chairman of the Academic Senate and Faculty President, discounts this. "I don't think it [Lee's departure] was caused by the vote, but that it should be seen as just another factor of the tension that exists on campuses. I don't think the purpose of the vote was to force Mary

Lee out."

"Pierce has problems of an organizational type, and Mary is ideally suited to deal with those," Sterk said. "Pierce needed a strong management-type person, and that's a strong suit of Mary's."

Tyree Wieder also dismissed the notion that Lee has been somehow "forced out" as a result of the faculty vote. She noted that the Pierce presidency became open when Lowell Erickson earlier this year informed LACCD Chancellor Yongqi that he wanted to take a leave of absence.

"The Chancellor asked Mary

Lee if she would be willing to take on the responsibility at Pierce. These changes happened at the same time; there's no connection to the faculty vote," Wieder said. "If Lowell hadn't left Pierce, she'd still be here at Valley."

For her part, Mary Lee has no truck with speculative theories about the reason for her departure to Pierce, but instead views the move as a fresh challenge.

"I'm absolutely delighted at the opportunity to work with Pierce faculty, staff and students," Lee said in a phone interview. Her immediate priority, she said, will be

"to work on the fall schedule so that classes are offered that don't have to be cancelled later."

A more wide-ranging goal is "to recapture the full-time student, the student who is currently choosing to go out of state, choosing a proprietary college, or not attending any college at all," she said.

"I'm looking forward to working with Tyree Wieder and [Mission College President] Jack Fujimoto on regionalizing instructional programs and services," Lee said. "With declining budgets, this has become necessary."

Noting that Pierce is struggling

with a \$1 million deficit, Lee said that raising its enrollment and reducing the deficit are two of her immediate goals there.

She plans to hit the ground running, with a meeting scheduled this week where she will hear the concerns of Pierce's several constituencies, so that "when I come there on April 11, I'll have an idea where they would like the college to go."

Lee will serve as Acting President at Pierce for at least two years, the minimum amount of time she felt was necessary to make

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LAVC loses lights in quake

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Editor-in-Chief

Los Angeles Valley College sustained no damage as a 5.3 aftershock rocked the San Fernando Valley on Sunday March 20, more than two months after the Jan. 17, 6.8 earthquake.

The quake caused the school to lose power for a brief period due to a related explosion at the Department of Water plant located at Van Nuys and Oxnard Boulevard. "The gas shut off pumps worked exactly as they should, perfectly," said LAVC Vice President Mary Ann Breckell.

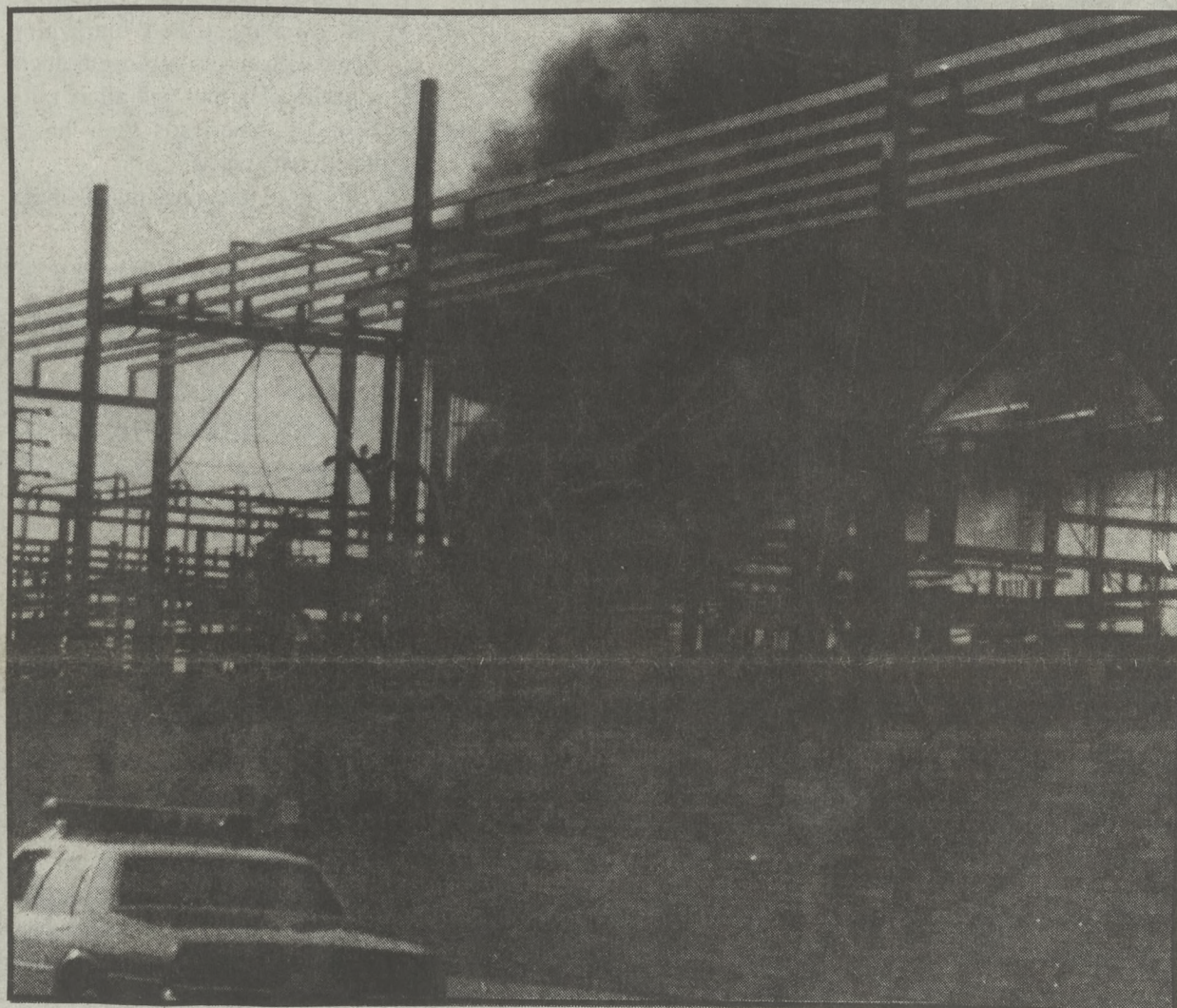
Sunday's aftershock caused more damage to areas already affected by the original quake. Two fires were caused by the aftershock. One was the result of a

wiring short that was ignited in the quake, and the other was the sub station fire on Van Nuys and Oxnard which caused power outages to a wide area of the Valley including the reported power outage at Valley.

Several structures that had been red tagged completely fell to the ground including an already condemned building on the corner of Sherman Way and Sepulveda.

Early reports stated that a previously known crack across the 118 freeway had widened from a six to eighteen inch gap. This report was later found to be erroneous.

"We had people come and check everything out, but over all, the emergency equipment functioned exactly as it should," said Breckell.



The power plant on Oxnard which caused LAVC's loss of power.

JEFF SIMMONS/VALLEY STAR

Racial policy outlined

By SAL CHAVEZ
Valley Star Staff Writer

Sex and racism scandalized Los Angeles Valley College last semester but racism was swept under the rug.

Last semester Professor Chuck Jorganson was brought up on sexual harassment charges. In response to this situation rallies were held and even training and an education workshop were set up for the faculty and staff members. Valley College President Mary E. Lee even wrote a letter to the staff members "We all need to become more educated about the mental emotional and financial costs of

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NEWS NOTES

Free Quake Counseling

The Asian Pacific Treatment Center is offering free counseling to post quake victims at their two offices in L.A. For information call (213) 252-1200.

Emily Gunning Scholarships

Two \$500 scholarships are being offered to Sociology students who have completed or are completing six units in Sociology. A minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 or better is needed. Applications are available in CC 100 and must be turned in to Tom Yacovone, Sociology Dept. Chair by noon, Friday March 25.

Susan Turcillo Scholarship

A \$500 award is being offered to full time female students who are involved in intercollegiate sports and who have a disability. Contact Joanne Waddell ext. 266 or 279.

Tau Alpha Epsilon

TAE scholarship checks are now available at the business office. A photo ID is required. For certificate of participation contact Laurie Roberts at 908-0642.

State Financial Aid Deadline

Due to the disruption of the earthquake, the California Student Aid Commission has extended to deadline for applications to April 2, 1994. Contact Dana Callihan (916)322-6504

Free HIV testing

HIV testing will be available at no charge in the Student Health Center in the women's gym on April 7 and 8 from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Un claimed Scholarships

Thousands of dollars go unclaimed every year. To see if you qualify contact Commissioner of Scholastic Studies Ella Archibeque ext.361.

Editorial Cartoon Contest

Deadline for entries for the John Locher Memorial Competition for student editorial cartoonists is April 1, 1994. Submit photocopies of your best four editorial cartoons along with your name and address, college, student newspaper, age, telephone and fax no. and date to: Dich Locher, room 444, Chicago Tribune, 435 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-4041.

University Representatives Visit

CSUN Representative will be available to speak with prospective students April 4 and 18 in the Transfer Center from 10 to 1 by appointment and April 11 in the Cafeteria from 10 to 1 on a drop in basis. A USC representative will be here April 5 from 9 to 12 by appointment. A Mount Saint Mary's representative will be available April 13 from 10 to 11 in the Transfer Center by appointment and from 11 to 12:30 in Monarch Square. Contact ext 246.

By ROBERT FINKEL
Valley Star Staff Writer

Future LAVC President Tyree Wieder joined five other African-American women at the "Sistahs Speak!" program Monday. The event was sponsored by the Black Student Union.

LAVC history Professor Barbara Stoffer, who spoke first, set the tone of the two hour event by asking the women in the audience to think more highly of themselves "Why give your body, mind and soul over to someone when you don't know what they are going to do with it? I'm not here to bash the African male, because he bashes himself enough. But we African women have to demand to be treated well by those whose babies we have. You must value yourself!" Her comments were greeted by affirmative cheers, and comments including "preach on." Stoffer drew on her ability as a history professor to expand her point. She referred to a book written in 1850 entitled "Sojourner Truth" about a Northern slave that won her freedom and that of her youngest son. Wieder also referred to the book when she spoke later.

Stoffer was followed by LAPD Officer Lori A. Lee. Lee stated that she was one of "two or three" African-American females on the

force, and enjoyed coming into the community to speak and in this case, try to persuade African women to consider joining the police department. "The starting pay is \$34,000 a year."

She tried to dispel some myths about working as a police officer. "There are some bad cops, but you have to let us know who they are. They have numbers on their badges and their cars. Also, a lot of times the people who get in trouble with the police have a bad attitude when they are stopped."

Lee was asked a question about how much support Police Chief Willie Williams has. "A lot of people don't know that the second choice for Chief was also an African-American."

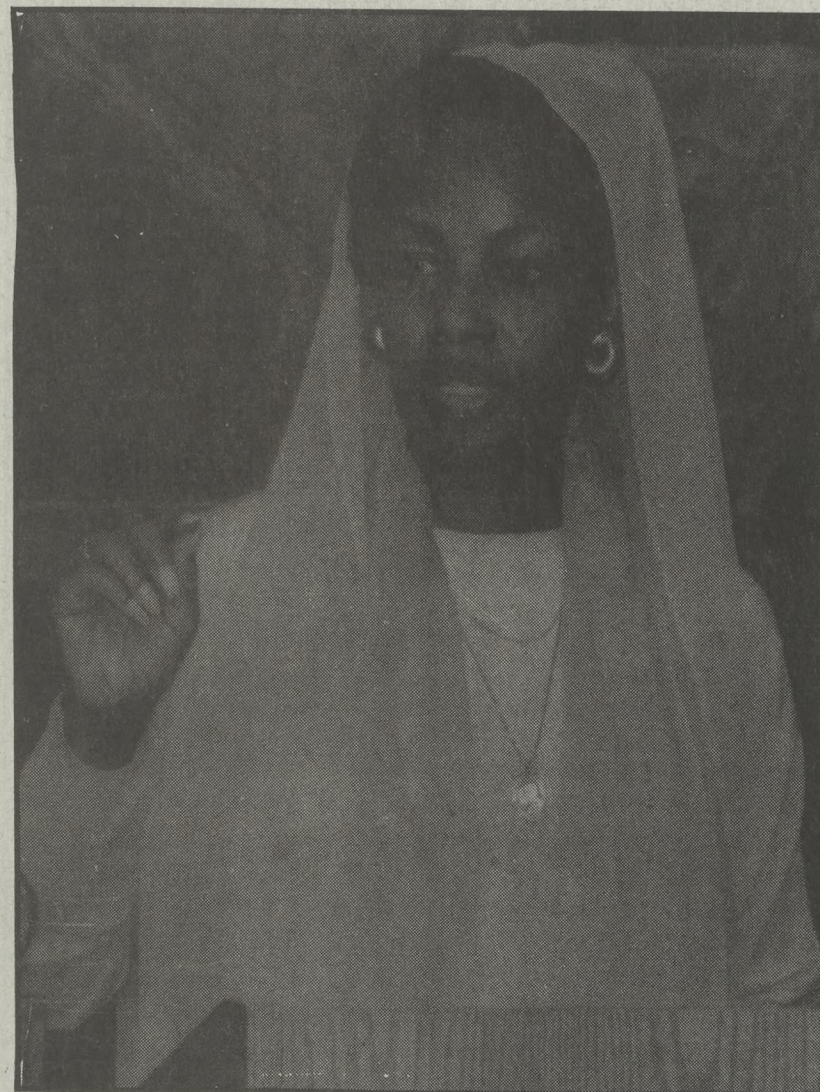
Nation of Islam representative Minister Aisaha Muhammad, the next speaker, began with a prayer to Allah. "There is nothing more misunderstood than the Muslim woman" she said. "That we have to walk behind the Muslim man, this is not true." She too implored the African female to hold herself in "the highest esteem. After all, it may be 'old fogie' to say this, but all humans came from one African woman who lived millions of years ago."

Muhammad also contended that the self-esteem problem of African women is a recent develop-

ment. "We were in the fields as slaves alongside our men, and suffered the same challenges as our men. We could not have done that without great self-regard. The sit-

uation of 'B--s' with attitude and 'Ho's' with problems is a very new development."

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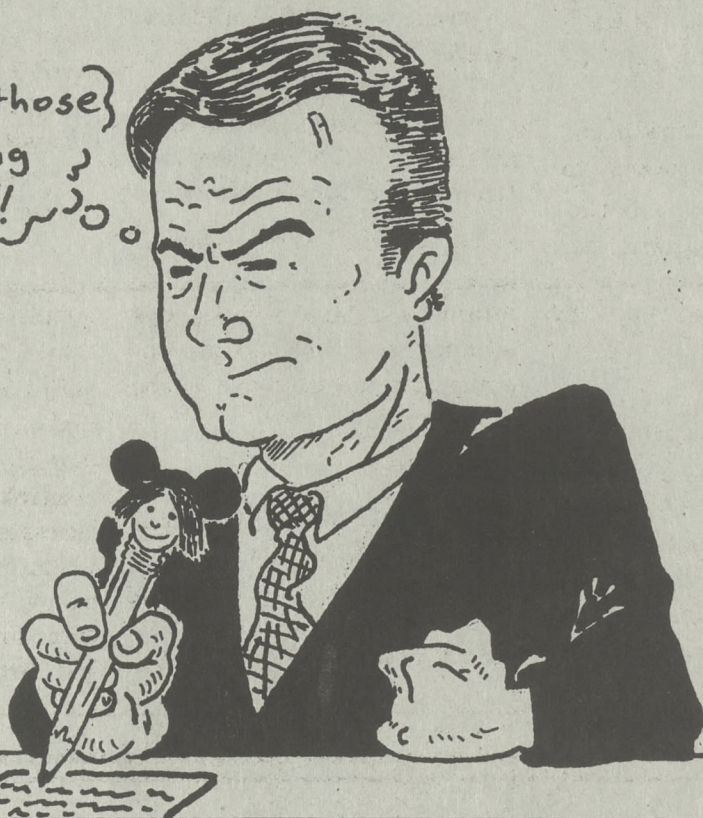
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Nation of Islam Representative Aisaha Muhammad speaks to students.

Smith's Believe it or not!

Governor Wilson signed the "3 Strikes You're Out" Bill to take more money away from education!!

I'll get those meddling kids!!



Pro:

'3 strikes' bill a hit

□ *New legislation makes California a safer place to live in*

By LEON SMITH
Valley Star Staff Writer

Have you ever considered what your life may be worth? How about a family member, friend, lover, what are they worth? If you place any value, be it monetary or sentimental, upon anyone close to you, then the "Three Strikes, You're Out!" legislation should be right up your alley.

By putting away three time felons for life, we are making the city a safer place for people you know and love, and even those you don't.

Opponents of this bill argue that the costs it is bound to force upon the taxpayers are excessive, costing twenty one billion dollars over the next thirty three years, money they feel could be better spent during these tough financial times.

However, let us consider how much money the state would save by curbing these felons early before they have the opportunity to kill or rape again. The days of individuals with "rap sheets as long as your arm" would be over, saving the taxpayers millions of dollars in additional court costs. Also, after three felony convictions, the police would not have to contend with these individuals again, thus easing investigative congestion and saving millions

more in taxpayers' dough.

Yet the most important aspect of this bill, which its opponents seem to miss, is not how much money it will cost, but how many lives it will save.

Admittedly, this bill has its flaws, but not as many as some may think. For instance, possession of controlled substances (cocaine, marijuana, etc.) does not fall under first or second strike criteria, it will, however, count as a third. In other words you, won't be put away simply for possession but with a carjacking, murder and a possession under your belt, your freedom will be going, going, gone!

Also, some crimes, such as rape and child molestation, should be considered a pop fly on your first swing, resulting in an out, and your immediate referral to Triple A ball for the rest of your life.

Finally, I personally believe that this bill is far to lenient. After committing three violent felonies, your life becomes an unnecessary burden on society and your further existence should be null and void.

After witnessing the tragedy of Polly Klaas and countless other victims at the hands of monsters like the likes of Jeffery Dahmer, Richard Ramirez and John Wayne Gasey, no punishment becomes too cruel or too unusual.

Con:

Wilson strikes out

□ *New bill inflicts cruel and unusual punishment on students*

By STEPHANIE BALTAXE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Recently, Governor Pete Wilson signed one of the toughest anti-crime laws in California's history. Known as "Three Strikes, You're Out!", the bill, which is aimed at putting habitual criminals behind bars for life. It looks something like this:

STRIKE ONE: Anyone convicted of a serious or violent felony must serve at least 80% of their sentence, up from the previous 50%.

STRIKE TWO: Anyone convicted of a second serious or violent felony must be sentenced to twice the former prison term.

STRIKE THREE: After two convictions for serious or violent felonies, a conviction on any third felony mandates a term of 25 years to life. (Please note that strike three states ANY third felony).

Having given this issue a lot of thought, and weighing out the pros and cons, I realize that the crime rate keeps going up and that something has to be done. I do not think that this new law is the solution.

First, and most important, the law restricts a judge's discretion over sentencing.

When someone's life is at stake, there are many issues to look at.

Health reform drowning in White Water

By KIM SMITH
Valley Star Staff Writer

We live in a throw-away society. When it comes to health care, it is sad to watch a country like ours care so little for its people. Common sense tells me that a healthy society is a much more productive society.

According to the Clinton Health Security Plan, more than 37 million Americans are without health insurance. Out of that figure, 9.5 million of those uninsured are children. When it comes to the issue of health care, the United States is lagging so far behind the majority of the world that it is appalling.

What sort of message does this convey? We live in a country where our government is more concerned with dwelling on the White Water scandal, than with pushing through a health plan that will allow millions of Americans their basic health care needs.

It is hard to believe that a single

American would buy into all the political backwash from politicians that criticize a national health care system. I would be willing to bet that not one of them is without health insurance or is, at the very least, financially able to cover their own, as well as their families, health care.

Under our current health insurance system, those who are lucky enough to have insurance are at a risk each day of having it taken away. During any two-year period, one in four Americans have their health coverage taken from them.

Insurance companies have the right to determine who they will insure and at what cost: Too often, they will only select the healthiest people to cover. The rest, well, they are either left paying extremely high insurance rates, or are denied insurance all together.

It seems that the people who are in the highest risk categories by insurance company standards, are

the ones with the greatest need of health care.

I fully understand that you cannot please everybody as far as a national health care system goes, but, I have to applaud the Clinton Administration for their efforts. As far as the critics are concerned, show us something better or keep your mouths shut.

I am one of those 37 million uninsured Americans who lives in fear that I may one day be denied, or receive inadequate medical treatment because of the inability to pay for it.

We need to stop treating health care like a fringe benefit and look at it as a basic human right. Health care should be a Constitutional right, one in which we shouldn't have to live in fear of it being taken away. It's about time we got a president in office who cares more about finding ways to promote wellness, rather than building more weapons of destruction. Clinton, my hat goes off to you.

Letters to the editor

☛ **Swimmers tell sports editor to take a dive**

Dear Editor:

In reply to your article in last week's paper, "Swim Team Sinks," you have no pride or respect for Valley Athletes. You have no regard for factual information and represent your point of view from the standpoint of your opponents.

Each of the two ladies and myself, who were injured at some point, before or during season, are completely outraged at the incredible insensitivity that you exhibited in your article.

Each of us have been busting our butts in practice, as well as in meets, to overcome our weaknesses. Not an easy task when you take into account the large amounts of time that these things consume. We are all dealing with injuries that need physical therapy in one way or another and that takes up time as well.

None of us, at this point, need or care for your discouragement, because we already face that with our injuries. Perhaps, if you attended a meet your information would be factual, as you did not accomplish that last week.

Furthermore, Marsha hurt her ankle in practice weeks ago, Maribel swam, in pain, in two races at the meet, and I, myself, was injured 2 1/2 months ago in an auto accident.

Please understand that your role as a journalist is to report the facts, which you must obtain correctly.

Shanny Myers
Swim team member

☛ **Trustees, wake up and smell the coffee**

Dear Editor:

What are we to make from the activity of our Board of College Trustees? In secrecy, without faculty consultation, they transferred our president to another college and appointed a new president here.

Who do they think they are? A vote of no confidence for them would be a real euphemism.

And what about their inactivity? President Wilson of CSUN provided her campus with 400 portable buildings and opened the school in two weeks.

Here, at Valley College, we weren't provided with any portable buildings so that our library could function.

Where are the trustees anyway? To borrow a favorite phrase from our former Chief of Staff, General Powell: "It's time for them to wake up and smell the coffee".

Bill Fury
Fitness Center Student

☛ **Better to err now than to err in Sacramento**

Dear Editor:

I've been following the ASU misuse of funds story in the Valley Star, and I would just like to point out that most of our elected leaders began their political careers in student government. (I believe the figure is something like 90%)

Of course, anyone can make a mistake at any level of government, but I hope that all involved learn their lesson here at Valley. It is much more costly to make these errors in judgement in Sacramento or Washington, than on a college campus.

What is sad to me is when students wish to seek a refund on their student dues. I can understand why they would feel angry, but this only weakens all of the positive efforts that the ASU has been involved in each semester. I personally know of some outstanding student leaders this semester, and it must be very frustrating to be painted with the same tar brush.

Perhaps some of those who are angry might consider running for office themselves?

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Professor of Sociology

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TAE president Laurie Roberts enjoys laughs with other club members.

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TAE holds pot luck dinner

All you could eat and drink and the whos who of Tau Alpha Epsilon (TAE).

Sunday, March 6 TAE held a pot luck open house at TAE President, Laurie Roberts' house.

Students mingled with teachers and advisors alike, all the while sampling fare supplied by TAE students themselves.

From Peruvian Empanadas and Curried Pineapple Chicken, to Phillippine Roast Pork with Ginger Sauce to basically American

Brownies.

Shirley Lowry, English instructor and TAE advisor was in attendance along with Al Zucker, English instructor and former TAE president himself, currently TAE advisor.

Also there was, M.S. Zuckerman another TAE advisor.

TAE is an honor society that commends outstanding academic achievement. TAE sponsors the Dean's Tea held every semester.

- Compiled by Darryl Glinn

○Lee from pg. 1

the kind of changes she wanted to make, according to Weider.

"I've enjoyed my years at Valley," Lee said at the interview's end. "I believe it's being left in good financial and instructional condition. I wish everyone well at the college."

Whereas Los Angeles Valley College will be observing Spring break from March 28 through April 3 there will be no Valley Star for the corresponding week. The staff of the Valley Star would like to wish all students a pleasant vacation.

○Policy from pg.1

sexual harassment." The issue was dealt with and soon resolved.

About the same time a valley college staff member John Fogerty was caught vandalizing bathrooms with racist literature degrading minority groups along with stickers that read "N----- get out! Go back to your slums!"

The black student union (BSU) in response to this incident wrote a letter to Mary Ann Breckell Vice President of Administration. They wrote "We are outraged that

Fogert misused community college time to commit criminal acts against Valley College... He intentionally vandalized campus restrooms with literature that is racially oppressive and offensive". The letter also demanded immediate dismissal of Fogert from Valley College.

Emma Jackson, President of BSU said that they never received a response to the letter. They are now in the process of writing a new letter asking for a meeting with administration were they can discuss plans to inform staff and

faculty members about the seriousness of racism and discrimination.

Jackson said "Sexual harassment workshops were set up for staff and faculty and Jorgensen was required to attend but their was nothing set up like that for racism".

Mary Ann Breckell Vice President of Administration wouldn't answer questions concerning the issue. Breckell did say, "The sexual harassment policy basically tells you how to handle a complaint and the discrimi-

nation policy is a guideline in the same way."

The non discrimination policy says, "all programs and activities of the Los Angeles Community College District shall be operated in a manner which is free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex,..." This along with the

affirmative action resolution says all employees will have equal opportunities can be found in the school catalog."

The discrimination policy is not very clear when compared to the policy of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment policy also gives the process of submitting a

complaint but also gives the consequences to the school/district, givens strategies to prevent harassment defines harassment through examples, legal remedies available for the victim and resolutions and disciplinary procedures written very clearly were in the policy in discriminatory procedures are vague and written in legal terminology.

ASU takes stance on behalf of Los Angeles Valley College students

By LISA GUADAGNO, BRENDEN MORRIS and JAMESON ANANABA Valley Star Staff Writers

The Associated Student Union gave its full support to Professor "Chuck" Jorgenson during the February 16 free speech rally dealing with the sexual harassment policy, because they say, they felt they had the support of the student body.

Just weeks after the initial complaint was made against Jorgenson, Commissioner of Public Relations, David Chavez says a poll was conducted to try and assess student opinions.

"As far as the students are concerned, the ASU is supposed to be the student representation in and outside of campus," said Chavez. However, members of the student body don't remember a poll being taken.

"The ASU hasn't asked every person that attends this school if we agree or not," said Nancy Chavez, a Valley student. "I do not think ASU should be saying that everyone agrees with them because not everyone has the same opinion."

"This case has been going on for nine months, students had nine months to complain about this and say something," said Chavez.

"Not everyone is a member of

the ASU and we still pay to go to school here and I think that if the ASU really wants to represent the

students on campus, they need to ask the students what they think," said Roger Cottingham, a student

and the fact that she was raised by her grandparents. "How many of you were?" After some hesitation, at least fifteen hands went up. Her remarks were meant to be an inspiration to the audience.

Wieder brought a poem from her office that embodied an affirmative philosophy from the writings of Mary McLeod Bethune, the Black educator that founded Bethune-Cookman College. The piece is entitled "Here is My Legacy."

She stood before the "Sistah's" as an example of one who has travelled the road of life with self-esteem intact, and is about to accede to the peak of her career.

○Speak from pg. 1

Muhammad stated that she "would like you to know that one of the greatest influences on my life has been a truly fine human being, Louis Farrakhan." Although many in the crowd applauded, it was evident that neither Stoffer or Wieder joined in the applause at the mention of controversial leader of the Nation of Islam.

Wieder, who takes over as Acting President of LAVC on April 11 for at least two years, addressed the crowd of "Brothers and Sistah's." She told of her youth

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Rudy Coby with the bottom of a real girl and the top of a robot

music review

Irvin conducts Wind Ensemble

By DAVID HELLESKOV
Valley Star Staff Writer

I strongly recommend to anyone who has not attended a Los Angeles Valley College concert to go and absorb the music and stop being a pain in the Bach.

The LAVC Wind Ensemble made its debut on March 21 in Monarch Hall. Conducted by Professor Irvin Pope, a variety of selections were performed.

A booming piece from W. Francis McBeth's *Festive Cen-*

tennial was enthralling. *Jubiloso* sounded like a battle scene or an angry storm with thundering percussion.

Overall, the music was entertaining, evoking mood, color and imagery.

Don Lilly, a literature major at LAVC said, "I came for my music appreciation class and I particularly liked the last piece, the *George Washington Bicentennial March*. I prefer the symphonic style to wind ensemble."

Douglas Roberts, a math and biology major at LAVC said, "As part of my music appreciation class, this was the first wind ensemble I've attended. *Bicentennial March* was particularly enjoyable and familiar to me."

Roberts added, "We had just learned part of the *Water Suite* in class, and the orchestra had a great balance."

Christine White, a percussionist and former LAVC student said, "The wind ensemble performs two times a semester, and I plan to become a music teacher."

Professor Pope, masterfully conducted this concert. He has taught music for 22 years.

The Wind Ensemble performs four concerts a year.



LAVC Wind Ensemble

Dadi Adi/Valley Star

Coby's magical mayhem continues here tonight

By JOSHUA FORD
Valley Star Staff Writer

Like a man born of 1,000 lunatics, Rudy Coby and his band of psychotic comics swooped down on Los Angeles Valley College's Little Theatre, blasting sold out crowds with his unique brand of in-your-face techno humor.

Coby's show jumps from the stage and into your lap with props and gimmicks that appear like something out of a high budget Lucasfilm endeavor. This may account for the nearly half hour delay in getting the show underway because of technical difficulties at last Friday's performance, as well as a nasty bout with feedback that could have curdled milk.

With technical hang-ups behind them, the troop started a steamroller of gross-outs, magic, dry humor and explosions that left audiences cringing and laughing hysterically at the same time.

The show was started with a

musical stand-up routine and escalated into a frenzy of dismemberment, decapitation and a trampoline jumping shrunken Elvis.

Throughout the mayhem, audience members were constantly dragged onto stage and implemented in the theatrics.

The entire Coby performance is presented in a fresh, up-beat manner, never becoming mired in the slow moving stale humor that often makes magic shows so unappealing. This show is a must see

for anyone who enjoys chuckling at the off-beat and bizarre. Besides, who could resist seeing a man drive a five inch nail up his nose.

The Rudy Coby show will be running again this weekend from March 24 through 26 in the LAVC Little Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2,7, and 10 p.m. Saturday. The show is usually sold out so it may be wise to make reservations by calling (818) 781-1200 ext. 353.

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By CHARLOTTE BOBLOW
Valley Star Staff Writer

His movements are smooth, and his muscles bulge from constant use, but the Campus Center for the Disabled is helping Art Guevara. He doesn't look disabled, but he is. A brain damaging accident caused the impairment of his logic and memory.

"Here I accentuate the positive. My reasoning is slower, so I'm given extra time with each test. Once I thought I was invincible, now I value each moment," Guevara says, reflecting on how near-death events reform peoples' values.

"Success stories inspire," says Associate Professor of Learning Skills and Learning Disabilities Specialist, Andrea Elberger. She tells of a woman looking for new purpose who enrolled in a special class. Testing had revealed weaknesses in math, short-term memory, and reasoning.

The Campus Center for the Disabled provided her with techniques to beat each challenge she faced, and she finished her Valley College education by successfully implementing those techniques. Now she is at Mount Saint Mary's college majoring in history, determined to be a researcher and film historian one day.

Elberger and 12 others aid 75 to 100 disabled students weekly with test proctoring and tutoring. Their goals are to serve more students, and add more classes. Campus Center Room 108 has study materials and equipment adapted to disabled students' needs.

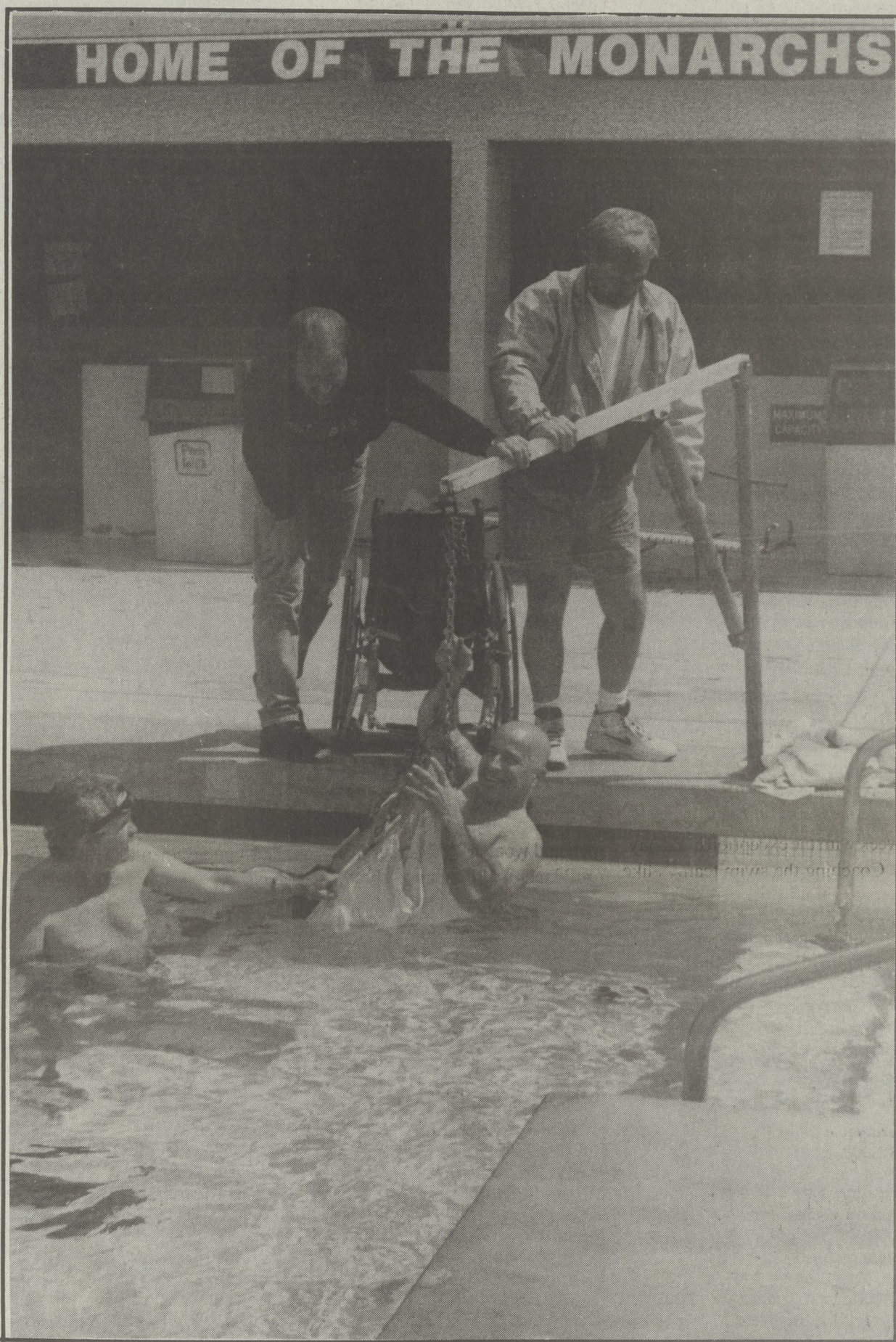
DSP&S director, Kathleen Sullivan, speaks of Cecil Ingram, who despite being confined to a wheelchair talks of growing

independence. "Just knowing this place is here is a great help. Slowly the staff is weaning me away from depending on the facilities by showing me I have abilities of my own I can use."

Sullivan enjoys her students. "I learn from them," she says. Finding out about their needs is a daily process for her. "The goal is reassessment and improvement of the disaster plan for the disabled. With a disaster committee and students' feedback, we can make it even better," she says.

Ready, willing, and able

Campus Center for the Disabled shines



Jeff Simmons/Valley Star
Jim Gayton (shorts), Steve Finch (black shirt) and Dickson Brown (goggles), assist Gordon Page (water) from his wheelchair into the pool on a winch at Valley College.

By ROBERT WELSH
Valley Star Staff Writer

It's new, sterile, awash in clinical white. There's black, some chrome, and digital displays that ooze deep red. Some pieces serve obvious purposes, their pedals or handrails giving strategic positions away. Others require a bit more consideration. It's clean, and high tech. Finally, the disabled student's gym got some new equipment.

Next to the older, vintage equipment, the new stuff stands out like Gucci mittens in a yard sale. There are free-weights, with a bench press and power rack. Black and gray plates hang from angular steel trees, and bright chrome bars that weigh 45 pounds even before the weight's put on, stand ready. For boxing enthusiasts, there's a new speed bag, and heavy bag.

Hi-tech additions include a Bodymasters hip flexer/extender, a programmable Stairmaster, and a Quinten treadmill. "They're all top-of-the-line," according to Jim Gayton, instructor and advisor to the disabled.

The new equipment was badly needed. "Valley's become one of the leaders in working with the psychologically disabled," Gayton says.

The term psychologically disabled covers a wide range of problems. According to Gayton, it matters not whether the student suffers from a genetic disorder, an auto accident, or drug abuse, however, they still have the same physical needs as everybody else.

It's not important for the disabled to have more, or better, equipment than anybody else, either. What does matter, Gayton says, is that they have their own equipment, and trainers to meet their special needs.

In the past, colleges with programs for the psychologically disabled weren't reimbursed by the state. As a consequence, few schools offered such programs. That policy has changed, according to Kathleen Sullivan, dean of

disabled student programs and services (DSPS).

Last year, when the State found \$1 million for schools with like programs, Valley's large numbers paid off. The amount each school receives, the State determined, should be proportionate to the number of psychologically disabled students they serve.

"As it turns out, we were serving a whole lot of psychologically disabled people," Sullivan says. "We got \$35,000." With the money, the DSPS purchased new equipment for the gym, plus some badly needed adaptive equipment, computers and other related items.

Thanks to local Rotary Clubs, equipment not replaced was repaired. According to Gayton, "Local Rotary Clubs really stick by their motto, 'Service above self.'" Much of the equipment in the disabled student's gym was well used by the time they got it.

The Rotary Club helped with some badly needed maintenance on this equipment.

New equipment is only the beginning, according to Sullivan.

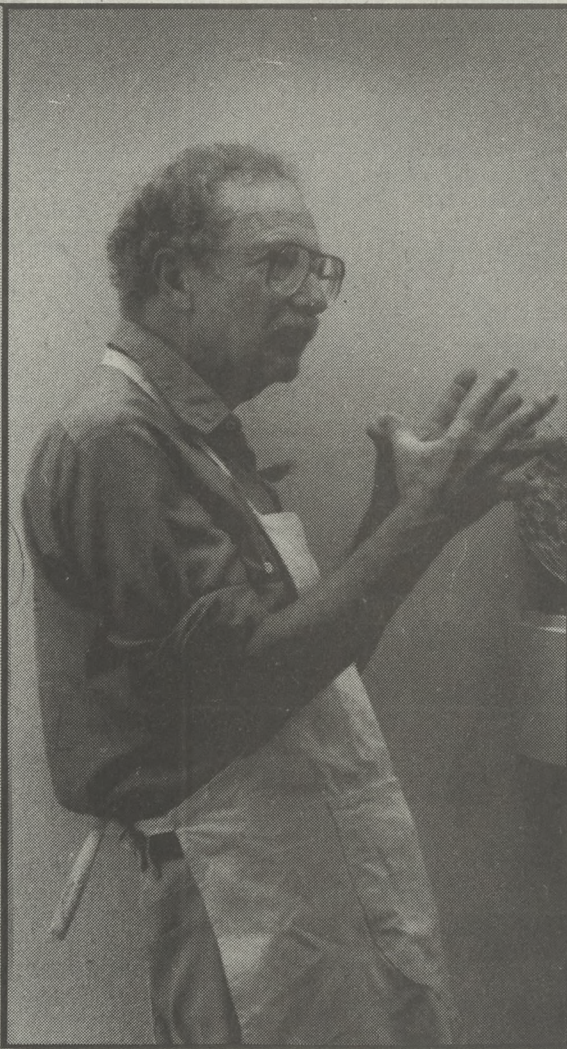
Space has always been a problem, and the more successful the program becomes, the worse the space deficit gets. At present, the stationary bikes are sandwiched side by side, only their abutting handlebars keep riders from crashing knees. To ease the problem, craftsmen will soon put a door between the disabled gym and an adjacent storeroom. "The work order is in," Sullivan says.

Improvements in the DSPS program do benefit the community at large. "Many people, due to one condition or another, can't be full-time students. Just because they can't take English 101, for example, doesn't mean they can't do other things," Gayton says.

There's no Access Placement Test or prerequisite for the DSPS physical education program, and according to Gayton, most anyone in the community with the desire can participate.

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Daryl Glinn/Valley Star
Leon Bush, ceramic artist, explains the crystal glazing process at Valley's ceramics exhibition.

Ceramics Club fires up

Exhibition gives Ceramics Club a chance to shine

By MARILYN GLASSCOCK
Valley Star Staff Writer

Her blue eyes sparkle as her hands mold the air in front of her. "I like the ability to take a ball of nothing, of dirt, and make something wonderful," Kathy Monheit says.

Monheit, a Valley College ceramics student, in her fourth semester, decided two years ago to have a ceramics show as her senior project. Last September she got the approval, and now she is the curator of the ceramics exhibition. "I want viewers to understand the possibilities inherent in creativity," she says.

The presentation features members of the American Ceramics Society, Design Chapter, who have been students or instructors at Valley.

"This is not a show about pots," Monheit says emphatically. "And that upset some people," she added with a chuckle.

Rather, Monheit's display is comprised of pieces representing unique qualities of design or technology.

The sagerware submitted by Dic Morois, for example, obtains its color from substances such as copper wire or seaweed. It is then placed in the container in which the piece is fired. Monheit explains. Once the firing is complete it is burnished and waxed to a soft sheen.

Crystal glazing is represented by Leon Bush, another artist on display. Bush manipulates the temperature during the firing process to get crystals to form and produce color splotches in the glaze.

Evelyn Swain uses no glaze at all. Instead, she allows the raw clay to make its own earthy statement. Some of the pieces were chosen simply for their color. One had a red glaze, something that is difficult to accomplish.

Indian themes are popular with some artists. Bill Davis shows

this in his footed vessels with corn, hanging coyotes, and bears.

A chess set, in which each piece holds a different design, was submitted by Dylan Kendall, a first semester ceramics student.

Dic Morois' displayed his glazed frog and ginkgo, and unglazed cylinder with feathers, each of which display true-to-life rendering of natural items entirely in clay.

Wavy Gravy by Melody Cooper, incorporates lichen glaze on a bowl thrown off center and then manipulated, into patterns.

Elsewhere, a deep blue bowl has a giant ocean wave splashing out of one side. The edges are filigreed, as though blown by a powerful wind.

A black platter, edged with oak leaves, and twigs for handles, stands in the back of the room. Because of the earthquake, the platter is all that is left of Monheit's four years of work. Its glistening surface reflects sur-

rounding colors, and its concave shape draws the eye inward.

The show was put on by Monheit, with the help of several ceramics class members. Funding was provided by both the Ceramics Club, and The American Ceramics Society.

Some of the pieces are for sale, as Monheit wanted to provide viewers the ability to find affordable works by artists who are becoming more successful.



Jeff Simmons/Valley Star
Ceramics on display at college show

Athlete of the month

Craig Griffin was chosen as the male "Athlete of the month" for the month of February.

Griffin is a freshmen basketball player from Simi Valley High School. He was an "All-Conference" selection this season.

Griffin is a scholar athlete who was also chosen as the team's most valuable player. Griffin averaged 15.8 points per game and 3.8 assists per game for the Monarchs.

compiled by: Hovik Kazanchyan

Calendar

Baseball

Thursday, March 24, at 2 p.m.
vs. Santa Barbara
Saturday, March 26, at 1 p.m.
at Moorpark

Swimming

Friday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m.
vs. Santa Monica

Track

Friday, March 25, at 9 a.m.
Santa Barbara Invitational

Swim coach dedicates life to water

By LISA GUADAGNO
Valley Star Staff Writer

Determination, strength, patience and skill. That is what Bill Krauss, Los Angeles Valley College's swimming head coach, has within him. For 21 years Krauss has been both a teacher and a swimming coach.

Krauss is the one man for a three man job. Krauss is the Chairman of the Biology Department, he teaches marine biology and biology, and he coaches the swim team here at Valley.

"I live in two worlds. It makes me really busy but it also is very interesting," said Krauss, "I don't get bored, I'm doing one thing and then another."

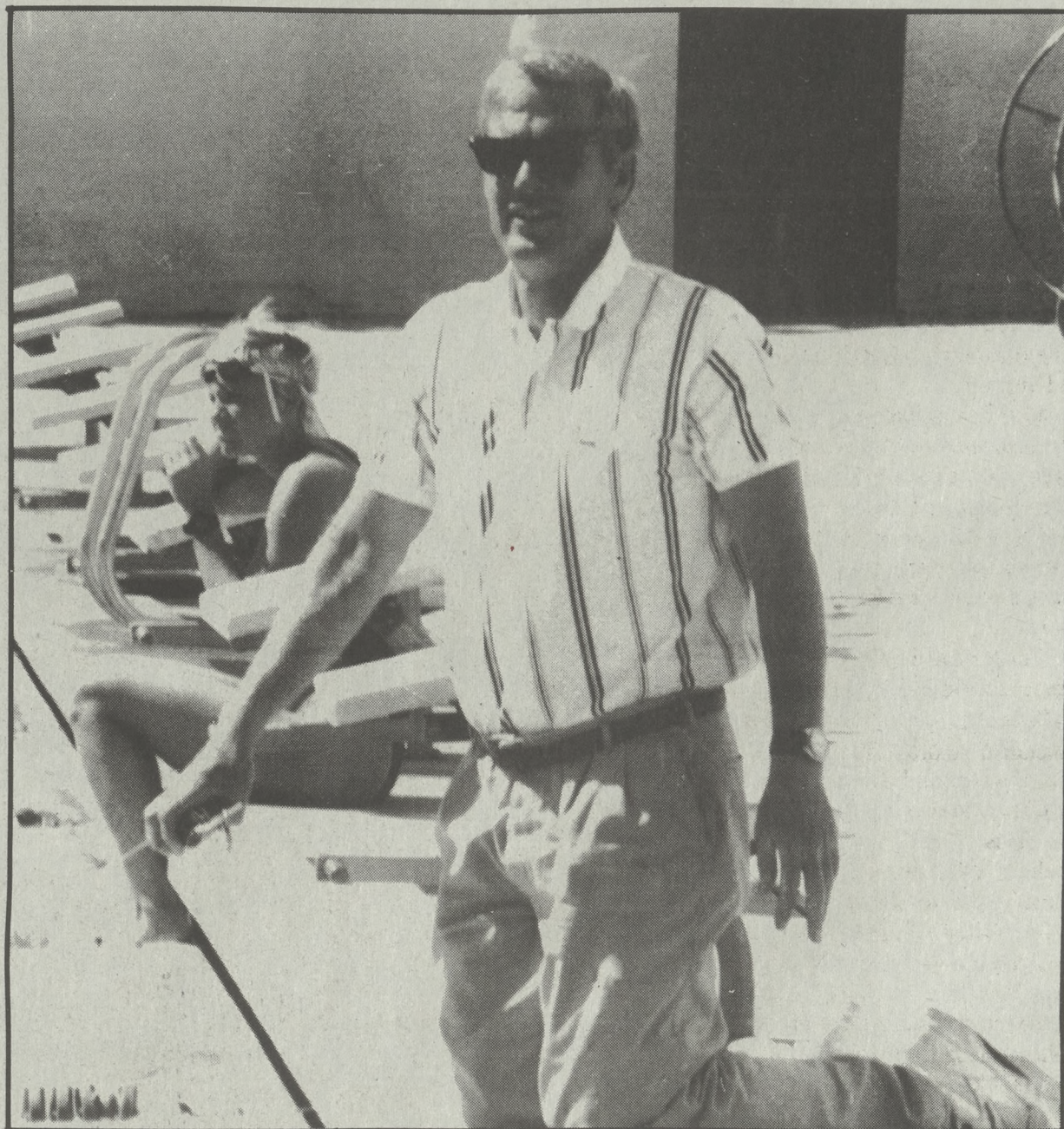
Krauss also recruits senior swimmers from other schools. People that are accepted must have the determination to swim as well as wanting to swim.

"We take anyone on the swim team who wants to work hard and that has a decent stroke," said Krauss, "We don't care how fast they are, if they want to work hard, then they are going to get better."

Each swimmer has the option of working out in the morning or in the afternoon. When excessive practice is needed, swimmers can practice both in the morning and in the afternoon. This consists of a total of three and a half hours.

The morning workouts begin at 6:30 a.m. and last until 8 a.m. The afternoon workouts start at 1 p.m. and end at 3 p.m. In total there are eight hours of workout time in a week with the exception of Friday.

Coaching the swim team is like one big family. Krauss makes phone calls when his swimmers are injured and ensures that each swimmer's grades are good enough to swim. Besides swimming, which



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Bill Krauss is the chairman of the biology department, teaches marine biology, and coaches the swim team at Valley.

is part of being an athlete, each swimmer must have 12 units in order to be eligible to compete.

The swim team consists of both men and women. Altogether there are 23 men and 12 women, three of them are divers.

The men and women swim together at practice and their meets are held at the same time.

"We don't divide them up ac-

cording to sex, it's just a part of ability. You don't limit someone's potential," said Krauss, "If they are good enough to swim with faster people, then they are good enough to swim. It doesn't matter if it's a girl or a guy."

Krauss has been around water all his life. It is as though the water and teaching about marine sub-

jects was destined to be his career.

"I have been swimming all my life. My dad had a swimming school and was a swimming coach," said Krauss, "I swam at college and I always lived swimming, it is a great sport. I have always been around water."

Gary Honjo helps coach the divers as well as the other swimmers.

Baseball has winning week

□Valley beats Glendale and Santa Monica in away games bringing record to 4 and 4.

By PAUL YOFFE Valley Star Staff Writer

The Valley Monarchs swept two games last week with clutch wins over Glendale and Santa Monica Colleges. Coming into the week, the baseball team was in need of a good showing as they had 2 wins and 4 losses at the time.

On Tuesday, at a game at Glendale, the Monarchs stepped up to avenge a previous loss to Glendale. They scored an 8-6 comeback victory that had all the ingredients of an exciting game, including a player from Glendale being thrown out of the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Back on their winning ways, the Monarchs headed to Santa Monica College on Thursday for another important conference game. This game was a thrilling 15 inning affair that ended with

the Monarchs posting an impressive 9-6 victory. Both teams went back and forth until the 14th inning when Valley third baseman Vic Seper's hit a two-out double which scored center fielder Ozzie Areau with the go-ahead run. It was a hitting display by the Monarchs as Areau went 4 for 6, Seper went 4 for 6 and left fielder Marlon Hamilton went 3 for 7. Francisco Mere, Doug Rubin and Ryan Messervier gave up five hits in nine innings of scoreless relief.

The Monarchs are 4-4 now heading into the heart of the conference schedule. Last year they just missed making the playoffs which was a motivating tool heading into this year's baseball season. If the Monarchs can continue their string of consecutive victories, they can look forward to a birth in the baseball playoffs behind the leadership of Head Coach Chris Johnson.

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